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SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE REPORTS NADREP MEETING TO CONSIDER CHANGES REPORTED REFTEL. END SUMMARY.

1. NADREPS MET ON 28 NOV 1977 TO CONSIDER PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REPORT TO MINISTERS BY CNAD REPORTED REFTEL WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS.

A. PARA 2.

- AGREED TO DELETE THE SECOND SENTENCE BEGINNING WITH "THESE INCLUDE" AND ENDING WITH "TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES". CONFIDENTIAL

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- AGREED TO REVISE THE THIRD SENTENCE TO READ: "IN CONSEQUENCE, CNAD HAS AGREED TO PLACE THE NECESSARY EMPHASIS ALSO ON INTEROPERABILITY IN ITS OWN WORK AND THAT OF ITS SUBORDINATE BODIES, WHICH WILL INCLUDE A MECHANISM FOR REVIEWING AND REPORTING ON THE STATUS OF INTEROPERABILITY."

B. PARA 5.

- AGREED TO REVISE PARA 5 TO READ: "CNAD HAS AGREED PROCEDURES WHICH ARE TO BE CALLED THE NATO ARMAMENTS PLANNING REVIEW (NAPR). THESE ARE BASED ON THE REVIEW OF NATIONAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT SCHEDULES, AND CONSTITUTE A FIRST STEP TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PERIODIC ARMAMENTS PLANNING SYSTEM (PAPS).

C. PARA 6.

- AGREED TO REVISE PARA 6 TO READ: "CNAD HAS REQUESTED THE AD HOC STUDY GROUP TO CONTINUE ITS WORK ON THE WIDER PROBLEMS RAISED BY A PERIODIC ARMAMENTS PLANNING SYSTEM, BASED IN GENERAL ON PROPOSALS BY THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES, THE NADREPS KEEPING THEMSELVES INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS MADE BY TASK FORCE 8. THE CNAD RECOGNISES, MOREOVER, THAT THE COMPLEXITY OF THE FURTHER WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE AD HOC GROUP IS SUCH AS TO REQUIRE THE DESIGNATION OF APPROPRIATE EXPERTS BY NATIONS."

D. PARA 10.

- AGREED TO REVISE PARA 10 TO READ: "WITH REGARD TO THE ACQUISITION OF A NATO AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING AND CONTROL SYSTEM, NATO IS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A REVISED PACKAGE PROPOSALFOR A NATO AEW FORCE COMPRISING 18 E-3 AIRCRAFT AND 11 NIMROD AEW AIRCRAFT WHICH WILL BE INTER-OPERABLE.

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E. PARA 15.

- AGREED (FRENCH AD REFERENDUM) TO REVISE PARA 15 E. TO READ: "TO AGREE THAT THE IMPORTANT WORK IN THE FIELD OF LICENSING AND CO-PRODUCTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF STANDARDIZATION AND INTEROPERABILITY SHOULD BE CONTINUED."

F. FOOTNOTES.

- AGREED TO ADD THE FOLLOWING FOOTNOTE SUGGESTED BY THE FRENCH, TO PARA 1, LINE 3: "REFERENCES IN THIS DOCUMENT TO NATO BODIES IN WHICH FRANCE DOES NOT PARTICIPATE DO NOT COMMIT FRANCE." RENUMBER REMAINING FOOTNOTE.
- THE FRENCH WITHDREW THE FOOTNOTE ON THE IEPG WHICH THEY SUGGESTED BE ADDED TO PARA 4. INSTEAD, THE LATEST STATUS OF TRANSATLANTIC DIALOG WILL BE PROVIDED, PROBABLY BY SYG LUNS, AT THE MEETING.
- 2. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE PREVIOUSLY REOUESTED REFTEL. BENNETT

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